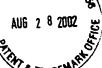


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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Madam:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed July 24, 2002, please amend the above application as follows. Amendments are indicated by <u>underline</u> and deletions are indicated by <u>strikethrough</u>.

Note: Since the only changes to this patent application from the original 7/9/01 filed version are the amended independent claim and the amended specification page beginning with Equation (5), I have included these pages as "clean amended pages" immediately following the amendments below. In these "clean" pages the strikethroughs and brackets are deleted, and the underlines have been removed from the amended material. This should help to avoid confusion and minimize errors in the preparation of the patent in its final form

AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 11 of the specification, beginning with Equation (5), amend the page as follows:

(5)
$$\Delta n = \frac{\lambda}{T} \frac{2s-1}{2} \sqrt{C_R C_S} = \frac{\lambda}{T} (\frac{2s-1}{2}) \sqrt{(\cos \alpha)(\cos \alpha - \frac{\lambda}{nd} \tan(\frac{\beta - \alpha}{2}))}$$

where

s is the order of the S diffraction efficiency peak (1, 2, 3, ...) and p is the order of the P diffraction efficiency peak (1, 2, 3, ...)